

day school collections have been too small in many places to purchase more literature than was ordered. The individual subscriptions to the EVANGELIST should easily be double what it is at present if you and I did our whole duty to our church.

Our missions both state and national would be much better supported if you and I did our whole duty to our church in giving to her support. Then too our preachers would be better supported while they are in actual service so that a superannuated minister's fund would be unnecessary.

The College must be supported and its teachers must be paid at least a fair compensation or we cannot secure teachers. Who is benefited by the maintenance of a college? The church, and therefore it is the church's duty to help it, support it, and I, as an individual member of that church, share that responsibility. The same reasoning holds good with the EVANGELIST, the Sunday school literature, tracts and other products of the church's Publishing House and it is none the less true of missions, preachers and dozens of other departments of the church and its work.

These things being true then, I have a duty to my church, that falls upon me by virtue of my membership in it and this duty no one can perform for me. You have a duty, fellow reader to your church, which you must perform and for which you are responsible to God. Most of us have so little that we feel it is *all* needed for our support, but surely if God blesses us with strength sufficient to earn ten cents we can give him one and live on the other nine. If he gives us one dollar we surely can live on ninety cents and give the other ten cents for his cause.

In short I believe that my duty to my church is to contribute no less than one tenth of my earnings to her support and distribute this judiciously among the various needs of the church. The gift tho small will be graciously accepted and blessed. It was the small pebble that slew the giant Goliath—the widow's mite that was so acceptable. Despise not your gifts because they are small.

When I do my whole duty to my church in this line and you do your whole duty to your church, the great financial difficulty of the church will be solved and she will move onward and upward to better things and bring us blessings far richer and sweeter than she is able to do as long as we deny her of her needs.

A. H. LIGHTY.

Work For Her Success

The success of the church lies in the saving of souls. Therefore whatever I may do toward saving souls is working for the church. This work is the Lord's work and is a great one and varied. Here is work for both the amateur and skilled laborer.

Each one is endowed with a special gift

and the Lord does not require more than we have ability to do.

But to the point and briefly. The work I can do for the success of my church is almost limitless. For every word I utter and every act I do bears either directly or indirectly on the welfare of the church.

Where I attend regularly the services of my church and do with a willingness anything that I may see to do, I am doing all the Lord asks of me in that respect. What I may do must be determined by my ability to do. My first duty is to be prepared then when the opportunity presents itself I am ready to take command. The best soldier of war is he who knows his tactics so thoroughly that when a leader is taken he is able for the place. So with the Christian soldier. He who would do the most for Christ and the church must be prepared to do duty where ever assigned.

Some men are natural leaders while others are content to be "hewers of wood and drawers of water. Both are necessary. If I can not preach, I can at least sit in the audience and attentively listen, and when the service is over I can shake hands with everybody and give them kind words and pleasant smiles. A smile is not much but it often lifts tons from the human heart. Then there is the Sunday school and what a great opportunity for doing good is afforded by it. For teaching puts one in closer touch with men than can possibly be had in general discourse. I would that every teacher realized the great privilege that is theirs. Especially the teachers that have under them the younger members of the school. Men and women are but big boys and girls. Few of them change their way of thinking after they pass the age of twenty five or thirty. If you would have men in the church that you can depend upon for help whenever and wherever you want them you must train them while they are young. The hope of the world is in the church and the hope of the church is in the Sunday school. The world for Christ in this generation will depend largely on the young people of today. Teacher, are you awake to the situation that is yours? Are you holding up before your class "visions that disturb contentment?" Are you leading your class to Christ and instilling in their hearts a burning desire to save others? If you are not, pray God for the quickening power of the Holy Spirit to come into your life and set it right. Your work is too important to be only half done.

Then there are other services of the church that need my support. The young people's society and prayer meeting have work that is peculiarly their own and that is far reaching in its influence. If I am not gifted as a leader, I can render effectual help by my attendance and financial support.

But the greatest good I can do is to live a consistent Christian life. That counts for most. "Consistency thou art a jewel." Be what you pretend to be. Do not let your actions talk so loud during the week that

people can't hear what you say on Sunday.

The Lord has left us the care of his vineyard, the work must be done by us. He wants faithful service. Are you giving it?

FRANK B. YODER.

Cordially Greet her Members

The direction of many a life has been changed by a single sentence cheerfully spoken at just the right time. We can never know either the good or the evil that has resulted from our treatment of our fellows. The manner in which we greet our friends is a far more important matter than we sometimes consider it to be. We owe to all men all the influence for good that we can bring into their lives, and especially is this true of the members of our own church. "We know that we are passed from death to life because we love the brethren," and if we do not show our love in kind words and deeds they will have little reason to guess that we possess it.

Let us reflect for a moment on the past week. How did I greet my brethren at our last church service? Did I go there sad and gloomy because something had crossed my path? And did I carry my long face all thru the service and home with me again? Did I greet my friends in the shortest possible way and send them away wondering what was wrong? Or have I carried gloom about with me until they have ceased to wonder at it? If I have done any of these things I have been guilty of a great wrong and I have neglected opportunities of great good.

There is Bro. B. for instance: He mistook my long face an indication of illwill toward him, and being a very sensitive man he was wounded by my failure to give him the hearty handshake and smile that he had a right to expect from me. And then there was Sister A. who has truly had her share of this world's troubles. She came to church Sunday morning feeling that in the atmosphere of love that she would find there she would receive strength better to bear her great burden. But I and others with me were so filled with the darkness of our own lives that we forgot all about her troubles. So she went home without having received a single sympathizing word and without having felt that any heart cared for her.

Our weak Bro. C. was there too. He had fallen into sin during the week and he had come to church expecting to tell me and others of his experience and to ask our help and our prayers the he might not be overcome by the tempter. He too was disappointed. We did not give him a chance to open up his heart to us. We merely recognized him and passed him by. He went away feeling that we did not care anything for him and that his sin had forever barred him from our company. Weak and discouraged as he was he plunged into still deeper sin.

Now my gloom and the resulting neglect to cordially greet these brethren has been